



Was Your Ancestor Catholic? Find Them in the Catholic Church Records

The Church of Ireland was the established Church in Ireland. However, the majority of the population was Catholic. Catholic Church records exist beginning in the 1800s. Many of these church records are in Latin.

1. Go to www.ancestryinstitution.com at the Library (www.ancestry.com if you have a subscription).
2. Click on Search on the tool bar at the top of the page and then Card Catalog. Type in Ireland Catholic in the title box.
3. Scroll down to Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers, 1655-1915 and click on blue title. You can search for births/baptisms, marriages, or deaths/burials.
4. Put in a first name, last name, and an approximate birth, death or marriage date. Then type in a location where your ancestor lived: Dublin, Dublin, Ireland for the city or Dublin, Ireland, for the county.
5. You can also add the name of a father, mother, or spouse to narrow down your search.
6. Click on Search. On the right will be a list of matches with the closest matches at the top. Click on a match to look at the details and the image.
7. If you are getting too many matches, narrow down your search by adding names of parents or the name of a spouse.
8. Print or save the information.